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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR AND CONSULTANTS, INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION HELD ON 1/18/51, IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, AT 2:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Department of State - Mr. Barrett, Director  
Mr. Stone, Executive Secretary  
Mr. Harris - JE  
Mrs. Curran - P  
Department of the Army - General McClure  
Joint Chiefs of Staff - Lt. Colonel Philbin  
Central Intelligence Agency - [redacted] 25X1A  
Economic Cooperation Administration - Mr. Bording  
National Security Resources Board - Mr. Sheppard

1. Minutes of January 12th & 15th were approved as amended (see minutes Conf. No. 31-M (amended)).

2. Draft statement on Korea situation:

The Board considered and approved the following statement on psychological warfare activities in Korea. The statement is being transmitted by the Chairman to the executing agencies:

"STATEMENT ON PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES IN KOREA

"The Interdepartmental Foreign Information Organization, having reviewed psychological warfare activities in Korea on the basis of information now available, which is admittedly incomplete, and noting that psychological warfare activities in the Department of the Army have been elevated to the status of a Special Staff Division, concludes that:

- "1. The importance of psychological warfare as an instrument of national policy should be emphasized to all executing agencies in the field;
- "2. Executing agencies should give psychological warfare the priority commensurate with its importance.
- "3. The fullest use should be made of all known techniques and facilities now available for psychological warfare.
- "4. To assure the most effective coordination of psychological warfare measures at the national level, it is desirable that agencies executing psychological warfare programs in the field provide full reports on current plans and operations."

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State Department review completed

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3. Stockpiling:

A report on State Department forward planning for Stockpiling was distributed at the meeting.

4. Preparation for CFM:

Mr. Barrett gave an approximate timetable for exploratory talks in connection with CFM.

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